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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, EAID, IZ, LE  
SUBJECT: IRAQI AID TO PALESTINIANS AND TO LEBANESE

REF: BAGHDAD 728

1. IRAQIS APPEAR FRUSTRATED IN EFFORTS TO CHANNEL MEN  
AND MATERIAL INTO SOUTH LEBANON. INA REPORTED 21 TRUCKS  
LOADED WITH FOODSTUFFS ARRIVED AT IRAQI BORDER WITH  
SYRIA MARCH 27. REPORT CLAIMED THAT FOOD WAS LATER RECEIVED  
BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON'S SUPREME RELIEF  
COMMISSION. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED HERE THAT IRAQIS  
ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HAND GOODS OVER TO PALESTINIANS.  
SYRIAN REJECTION OF THAT PROCEDURE FORCED IRAQ TO OFFER  
GOODS TO GOI.

2. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR IS TAKING CREDIT FOR HAVING  
PERSUADED IRAQIS TO FUNNEL AID THROUGH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES  
HE ALSO SEEMS SATISFIED WITH LEBANESE DECISION TO  
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REQUIRE EXIT VISAS OF IRAQIS. LOCAL MEDIA STRONGLY  
CRITICIZED THE DECISION WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED, BUT GOI HAS  
LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ACCEDE.

3. RECENT VISIT OF WALID JUMBLATT WAS A LOW KEY AFFAIR,  
UNLIKE PREVIOUS VISIT WHEN HE WAS VIRTUALLY TREATED AS A CHIEF  
OF STATE. IRAQIS MAY HAVE REALIZED THAT ALTERNATIVES TO

DEALING WITH SARKIS' GOVERNMENT ARE BECOMING LESS PROMISING.

4. ONETHELESS, IRAQI REGIME IS CONTINUING DIRECT CASH SUPPORT TO PALESTINIANS. "CONTRIBUTIONS" FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND OTHER GROUPS ARE NOTED IN THE PRESS USUALLY WITH A REFERENCE TO THEIR USE FOR REFUGEE RELIEF.

5. DESPITE SADDAM HUSSEIN'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IRAQ'S DIRECT AID TO PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE EFFORTS (REFTEL), MEDIA HAS NOTHING ON THIS SCORE. THERE IS PROBABLY LITTLE TO REPORT THAT WOULD SOUND HEROIC.

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